


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council  
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: M. J. Brodie, President 

DATE: May 24, 2010

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 10-0516  
Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings and Vacant Structures – Multiple-Family-  
Dwellings and Rooming Houses

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The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has reviewed Council Bill 10-0516, *Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings and Vacant Structures - Multiple-Family Dwellings and Rooming Houses*, that would establish an annual fee for properties subject to a vacant building violation notice. Of interest to BDC is the \$250 fee charged for non-residential structures that are in violation of the building code. The BDC is obviously concerned about the impact of derelict, vacant structures on the City's commercial districts and is always working to ensure that the City remains a vibrant and safe place to conduct business. Since the fees will only apply to structures that are deemed unfit for human habitation, it will not impact responsible, viable property owners and/or businesses. This fee will provide an additional tool to keep property owners in compliance with the City's building code. As a result, the BDC has no objection to this council bill.

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